



# EAA CHAPTER 327

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Geology from the air

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Our March speaker, Louis Maher, professor emeritus of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, gave an excellent talk on "Geology by lightplane". Louis is a pilot and has taken many photos of the ground formations dating back to the ice age. He explained how parts of Wisconsin and Iowa were formed, how the rivers came about and showed how the present landscape dates back a thousand years.

April Meeting

7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009  
University of Dubuque Flight Center

**EAA 327 Officer's and & Directors Meeting  
Dodge Street HyVee, March 12, 2009**

Meeting was called to order by president Larry Mueller at 7:01 pm with 8 members present.

**REPORTS:**

Secretary: Mike Gaffney read minutes from February meeting. Minutes approved with the exception that the amount of Larry Mueller's gas reimbursement was \$50.

Treasurer: Dennis Schares reported balance of \$7,075.67.

Advertising/Promotion: Not available

Membership/Retention: Not available

**OLD BUSINESS:**

President Larry Mueller reported he now has a complete list of 327's membership numbers. He also produced a list of Young Eagle pilots showing number of rides given.

Bill Fitch gave of a report on the recent Young Eagle event. He was disappointed in the number of riders that showed up, but pleased with reschedule was part of the problem.

Mike Gaffney reported the March program speaker is all set.

Larry Mueller raised the question of what we will do with the Blanton Racer plans. It was decided to offer them the to a willing chapter member who would be interested in building and if no one comes forward, to sell the on Ebay.

Larry announced the UD Flight breakfast date will be April 5th and he is making a sign up sheet for the membership meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Elaine Fitch produced some tentative plans for the chapter's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party. The event will be held on May 16th at noon in Lyle Hefel's hangar. Elaine had pricing available for several options from HyVee catering. We will get a cake w/logo. Several suggestions for inviting other chapters were given. Invites will be sent to Moline/Davenport, Cedar Rapids and Luana. Chapter will pay for food and cost of cake will be \$20. Ice cream will also be provided. Dennis Schares offered the idea of having special T-shirts made up for the original members who would be at the party. Nick Hirsch reported he talked with EAA founder Paul Poperezny about speaking at the celebration and Paul could not make a commitment at this time. Larry Mueller suggested we provide overnight lodging for Paul and Nick Hirsch added that a \$200 donation to EAA might be a good way to thank Paul for the visit. Elaine Fitch suggested having EAA chapter administrator Brenda Anderson as a possible alternate speaker.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Larry Mueller conveyed a suggestion that the chapter take a active roll in the Platteville airport flight breakfast. A discussion followed and it was decided to bring the topic to the membership meeting.

Larry noted that newsletter editor Dave Kramer had a recent hospital stay.

Larry and Nancy will provide a cheese and meat tray at the next membership meeting. We'll have the treats just after the presentation.

Bill Fitch reminded us of our intention of providing a loudspeaker box or small low power transmitter so visitors to the overview can hear the tower. John Einck reported he can get things rolling once again and it was decided to put a \$350 limit on the hardware and also establish a completion time.

Dennis motioned and John Einck 2nd, meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Mike Gaffney, Sec.

Events Calendar 2009		(Miles from IA80)		
April 4	Annual Chili Fly-In	11:00 – 2:00	Fort Dodge Airport (FOD)	133 Mi
April 5	UD Flight Breakfast	7:00 – Noon	Dubuque Airport (DBQ)	25 Mi
April 11	Flight Breakfast	8:00 – Noon	Ames, Iowa (AMW)	112 Mi.
May 17	Flight Breakfast	7:00 - Noon	Lone Rock, WI (LNR)	61 Mi.
May 30	Flt Breakfast	7:30 – 11:00	Ft Atkinson, WI (61C)	108 Mi
<b>June 6</b>	<b>EAA Young Eagle Flts</b>	<b>9:00 – Noon</b>	<b>Dyersville Airport</b>	
June 7	Flt Breakfast	7:00 – 11:00	Washington, IA (AWG)	77 Mi
June 6/7	Annual Flight Breakfast	6:30 – 10:30	Audubon Airport (ADU)	173 Mi
June 14	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – Noon	Rock Falls, IL (SQI)	80 Mi.
June 21	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – 1:00	Maquoketa Airport (OQW)	33 MI
June 28	Open House/Fly In	9:00 – 3:00	Tipton Airport (8C4)	44 Mi
June 28	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – 12:00	Gilbert Field Rio, Wi (94C)	118 Mi
July 10 – 12	Fly Iowa 2009		Independence, IA (IIB)	34 Mi
July 12	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – Noon	Monticello Airport (MXO)	16 Mi
July 19	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – 12:30	Fillmore Co, (FKA) Preston, MN	83 Mi
August 9	Model Airplane Demo	2-5 p.m.	Dyersville Airport (IA80)	
August 29	Abel Island Potluck	12 – 3:00	Guttenberg, IA (IA23)	19 Mi
August 30	Flight Breakfast	7:00 a.m. – 12:30	Iowa City, IA (IAP)	54 Mi
Sept 13	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – Noon	Dubuque IA Airport (DBQ)	20 Mi

More to Come

**Minutes from EAA 327 Membership Meeting  
March 19, 2009 at UD Flight Center**

Meeting was preceded by a presentation by a retired Geology professor from UWMadison.

His presentation lasted till 7:50 at which time members took a break and enjoyed a cheese tray, courtesy of the Muellers.

President Larry Mueller called meeting to order at 8:02 with 19 members and guests present.

**REPORTS:**

Secretary: Mike Gaffney read the minutes from February. Minutes approved as read.

Treasurer: Dennis Schares reported a balance of \$7,075.67.

Advertising/Promotion: Dick Gordon is pinch hitting for Harry Styer who is expected to return in April.

Membership/Retention: Lyle Hefel, nothing to report.

Program Director: Mike Gaffney reported that a speaker has been confirmed to speak at the April meeting. He is a aircraft restorer and a pursuer of Wisconsin aviation history.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

! Elaine Fitch presented plans for the chapter's 40 birthday party set for May 16th. Among the proposals were the cost of each meal at for \$5.99 per person and \$299.50 for 50 people. Plans call for cake and ice cream as well. Motion by Elaine and 2nd from Nick Hirsch passed. A proposal for inviting chapters from Quad Cities, Cedar Rapids and Luana was made along with a recommendation to have an RSVP. That proposition passed with motion by Elaine Fitch and 2nd by Dick Gordon.

! Nick Hirsch reported on communications with Paul Poberezny. Since Audrey has been hospitalized recently, Paul could not make a commitment to speak at the Dubuque party at this time. Nick said that by mid April we should know for sure. Brenda Anderson, EAA chapter administrator, was also mentioned as a possible speaker.

! Larry Mueller spoke of the upcoming cookout at the Platteville airport on June 20, 1:00 pm. Plans call for the chapter providing meat and members bringing a dish to pass.

! It was announced that the UD breakfast is set for Sat. April 5. A sign up sheet was passed around.

! Bill Fitch gave a report on the Young Eagle event held in February. He noted that there was plenty of help but he was disappointed in the number of riders showing up. He said that the airport was very cooperative and helpful with the event. He thanked the volunteers. Thirty-eight young eagles were given certificates. Dave Kramer spoke of his plan to host the June Young Eagle event at the Dyersville airport.

! Larry Mueller offered a proposal to give the recently donated Blanton Racer plans to a chapter member who would interested in such a project.

! Larry also reported on revitalized plans for the FM transmitter to be used at the overlook site. John Einck and Dennis Schares are currently involved in the planning. A September cutoff date was recommended.

! Nick Hirsch is working on a proposal to allow free membership to the

new owner of David's Flying Service.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

! Dave Kramer announced plans for an August 15th cookout at the Dyersville airport.

! Larry Mueller introduced a proposal from the Platteville airport manager for EAA 327 to host and operate a fly-in breakfast at the airport in Platteville. No interest was shown and the plan was dropped by a consensus vote.

! Dave Kramer noted that plans for the northeast Iowa Saturday morning donut flights are still being developed.

! Dick Gordon motioned and Mike Hoffman 2nd, meeting adjourned 8:31.

Mike Gaffney, Secretary

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## Vintage Aircraft Restorer and Youth Aviation Program Innovator to Speak at next EAA Meeting

Steven Sorge of Eagle, Wisconsin has had an interesting career as an aircraft mechanic, pilot, restorer and finally leader and motivator of young people and their aviation ambitions. Maybe it was his destiny. After all, he grew up in EAA's hallowed birthplace of Hales Corners, Wisconsin.

Steven has won numerous awards and recognition for both his youth programs and his skills as a restorer, recently finding his aircraft on the covers of EAA Vintage, National Biplane Assoc. and GA news magazines. The story he has to tell us about Wisconsin legend, Jim Miles, is true. Jim was a barnstormer, WW2 flight instructor, CBI pilot, crop duster, hunter and, according to Steven, an all around good guy. It begins with Steven's desire to restore a venerable old Stearman and the search back through Jim's life and the friends he had.

Mr. Sorge will begin his presentation around 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 16 at the UD Flight Op Center at the Dubuque Regional Airport. The UD building is located just north of the control tower and, as always, the public is welcome to attend these special lectures and the business meetings to follow.

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### Airline Cabin Announcements

7. After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted."

8. From a Southwest Airlines employee: "Welcome aboard Southwest Flight 245 to Tampa .. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."